MINUTES SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI

AUGUST 12, 2015 10:00 A.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in a Special Called Meeting on Wednesday, August 12, 2015, proper notice being posted, after having recessed from their last regular meeting of August 10, 2015. The meeting was held in the City Hall Court Room. Mayor Robert E. Smith, Sr. presided over the meeting and all Council Members were present. Also present were the COO, the CFO, the General Counsel and Department Heads.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order and called upon Council Member Box to offer the Invocation. Mayor Smith then stated that the purpose of this meeting is to discuss the 2015 – 2016 FY Budget. Mayor Smith, the COO & CFO have met with all department heads and have made several cuts.

II. DISCUSS 2015 - 2016 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET.

COO, David Armstrong, apprised the Council of proposed budget cuts that were mentioned at the previous meeting.

Also discussed were:

- Signal repairs, which were reduced from \$115,000 to \$107,000
- City Hall match reduction to \$145,200 (includes complete architectural service of interior and exterior.
- GTR grant allocation of \$125,000 will be taken out.

Mr. Armstrong discussed the School millage reduction of 4.46 percent and remarked that if 2.46 of the millage is used to increase revenue, it will reduce the deficit to \$63,813.41, if the Council approves the proposed cuts.

Council Member Box made a motion to approve the budget cuts that have been made. Council Member Taylor seconded the motion.

The Mayor and Council then discussed the Fire Department as it pertains to requirements mandated by Accreditation. Chief Andrews requested that he be permitted to purchase one (1) SUV to reduce the cost of wear & tear on fire trucks. The SUV will be used to respond to medical calls, not fire calls.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Council Member Karriem made a motion to recess until August 13, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. Council Member Gavin seconded the motion.

Approved by:	: Robert E. Smith, Sr., Mayor	Milton Rawle, Jr. CFO/Secretary-Treasurer
The motion	carried.	
All Council I	Members voted in favor of the motion.	